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Applicant: Bita et al.  
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 APPARATUS AND CONTROL  
 METHOD THEREOF  
 Art Unit: 2185  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 60.00  
 ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 120.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 225.00  
 (X) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 450.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 510.00  
 ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 1,020.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 795.00  
 ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$1,590.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$1,080.00  
 ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$2,160.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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